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COMMUNITY FAIR HERE SEPT. 18-19

The Luncheon Club resumed its work again last Tuesday evening when the regular semi-monthly meetings were begun again. The meeting Tuesday evening took up the subject of "The Coming Community Fair," with Col. J. A. Buford acting as Toastmaster.

Coloner Buford is to be active manager of the Fair, with Mr. H. C. West as president of the Fair Organization. After able addresses on the importance and benefits of the Fair by the Toastmaster, Mr. West, C. H. Jones, Dr. R. I. Grimes, J. A. Patterson, Jerome Hutcheson, J. A. Summerhill, L. R. Thompson and others, the appointment of committees was entered into and perfected.

At the suggestion of Mr. West, a finance committee composed of Messrs. Buford, Swann, Jones, and Hutcheson was appointed to raise funds with which to offer premiums for the best exhibits.

Next a committee on entertainment was appointed as follows: Dr. R. I. Grimes, Jas. A. Patterson and R. O. Anderson.

Also a committee on Merchants' booths for exhibits was appointed as follows: H. C. West, Sie Hamm and E. Yates Brown.

On Farm Exhibits, Messrs. W. O. Boney, Dr. M. Armstrong and A. T. Sheppard were appointed.

Next the President of the Club, Mr. L. R. Thompson, explained to those present that the people of the Dora community were anxious to come to Merkel this fall to do their trading, and would do so provided they could get some assistance from Merkel in making a good road to this city. All present appreciated the remarks from Mr. Thompson, and seem anxious to help secure the good road. Commissioner P. A. Diltz was present and assured all present that he would lend every assistance possible and believed that the county would help in the matter. Dr. M. Armstrong, valuable and energetic member of the Club's Good Roads Committee, was also present, and being familiar with every inch of the road, made an appreciated talk on the cost and the best way to build this road in a way that it would be good and lasting. Dr. Armstrong knows the value of good roads and is always willing to do his part in securing them.

Mr. R. O. Anderson, suggested that many farmers were willing to give their time and effort to dragging the many good roads that have recently been built provided they were supplied with drags, and further suggested that they be given the drags with which to do this work, which means the preservation and making better of the new roads. And from what we learn, the drags will be forthcoming.

It was also decided to hold the Community Fair on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 18 and 19, just before the opening of the West Texas Fair at Abilene on the 21st. Mr. Farmer, make your plans to enter some exhibit in the Merkel Community Fair. See the committee at once and tell them what you will have, so they can arrange a nice premium for same.

Mr. G. R. Gazzaway returned recently from a trip to the Plains Near Happy, in Swisher county, where he has a farm of 200 acres, all in feed, which he says is very fine, has had plenty of rain. He expects to ship his surplus to Merkel for sale to the farmers of this section that may need feed next year.

LOCAL NINE PLAYS TRENT HERE FRIDAY

Merkel and Trent having played two games, winning one each, are to play the "sugar game" here today (Friday at the school grounds. Both teams have had quite a bit of practice since they last played and a close contest is expected.

There will be no admission charges, but the hat will be passed for collection, so be liberal with your donations as the boys need more equipment.

Come out and support the home club.

Return From Market

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg returned Wednesday night from their trip to St. Louis, where they spent ten days selecting and buying for their firm one of the largest and most complete stocks of dry goods, clothing, millinery, etc., ever purchased by this firm.

Messrs. Herbert Dennis and Thos. C. Wilson left last Saturday for Sweetwater where they will join the 20 piece band of that city on their trip to Galveston, the band having been employed to furnish music for the big Woodmen Encampment in session there this week. These young men are excellent musicians and will prove valuable additions to the Sweetwater band.

BIG PICTURE COMING THE COZY THEATRE

Mr. Clyde Foster, popular manager of the Cozy Theatre, who has been laying plans to give the people of this city and community as good as the best in moving pictures, announces that on and after the 7th of September he plans to run the show every night, and has arranged to bring to this city one of the biggest and best picture programs that will be found in any town the size of Merkel.

Beginning with next Monday night, he will present the very popular and celebrated picture, "Trail Dust," made and produced on the Famous Miller Bros. 101 Ranch, which is said to be the best picture ever produced by the well known Miller Bros. on their great ranch.

The picture has made a hit where ever it was shown, and in many places great crowds have been turned away because of lack of room. And Mr. Foster is anticipating an overflow attendance upon the occasion of its presentation here, as the picture will only be shown one night, and further owing to the fact that the prices remain the same as for ordinary shows, only 10, 20 and 30 cents.

Another feature of interest will be a real live buffalo accompanying the picture, which will be on display in front of the building free to all.

Mr. Foster announces that on Tuesday evening of next week there will be an "Old Fiddlers' Contest" and "Old Time Square Dance." It will bring old memories back to the older folks, while it will be novel and interesting to younger ones. Also there will be a very fine picture program that will go with the evening's entertainment, with prices 25 and 50 cents.

For further information about the week's program we invite you to read Mr. Foster's ad in this paper. Infact if you want to keep up with the fine programs to be given at the Cozy this fall, keep your eye on the Cozy Advertisements in the Mail.

WILL OFFER PREMIUM FOR 1ST BALE PARDON LIST GROWS 23 GIVEN FREEDOM

In order that Merkel may show her appreciation of the cotton brought to our city to be ginned and offered for sale, it was the unanimous vote of the Luncheon Club last Tuesday evening that a fund be raised among the business men and citizens to be offered as a premium for the first bale or bales to be brought to this city this year.

This is a commendable move and will no doubt meet with the approval and hearty response of every business and professional man in the city. As a committee to raise the premium, Messrs. J. T. Warren, Sam Swann and W. J. Sheppard were appointed.

Return From Fishing Trip

Messrs. A. B., Homer and Herbert Patterson, with their families, returned first of the week from a week's fishing and outing on the San Saba.

They report a most enjoyable trip, with an excellent catch of the finny tribe. To substantiate their success they sent the first big one home by express to relatives, weighing about twenty pounds. But as usual, Brooks says it's a fact that the "big one" got away.

Methodist Revival at Blair

The Methodist revival will begin at Blair Sunday, August 16, at 11 a.m. The Stutts and Baker party will be in charge. Every one in the community is cordially invited to attend. We have had fine revivals at the following places: Noodle, a fine meeting; Mt. Pleasant, a very fine meeting; Butman Ranch, White Church and Nubia a most excellent Revival and many conversions and reclamations. We expect a great meeting with the Blair people. R. E. L. Stutts.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bland accompanied by Mrs. B. R. Clark, Miss Alta Clark and Miss Lola Mae Bland, have just returned from a two week's visit with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bland, at Clovis, New Mexico. They also visited old friends, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Clark. They report a fine time and a fine country where they have been.

Mr. J. B. Hamblett left first of the week for a visit with friends and relatives at Water Valley, Miss., the scene of his childhood days. We wish for him a pleasant visit.

NAZERINE REVIVAL NOW IN PROGRESS

The Nazarine Revival began at the Tabernacle Tuesday evening with the pastor, Dr. J. F. Hendricks, doing the preaching.

There will be services each evening at 8:15, while the morning services will be held at 10:30 and the services will continue on over Sunday and until the 18th, when the noted Evangelist, Rev. Hamerick of Hamlin, will occupy the pulpit throughout the balance of the meeting, which will continue indefinitely.

Rev. Hamerick is said to have enjoyed great success during his ministry, thousands having been converted under his preaching. He has held services in 22 states according to reports. All are invited to attend and take part in the meeting.

Austin, Aug. 12.—The pardon record took a jump today and twenty-three pardons were announced by Governor M. A. Ferguson. Five of these were full pardons and eighteen were conditional. In addition to these the Governor announced the restoration of full citizenship rights to three men who have completed their sentences in the penitentiary and have been discharged. These twenty-three pardons brought the August total to 26 and the total clemency proclamations issued by Governor Ferguson since she assumed office last January to 804.—Ft. Worth Record.

SUPT. SUMMERHILL SAYS BACK TO SCHOOL SOON

Vacation time will soon be over and the all absorbing question in many homes will be whether son or daughter will continue in school or return to other labors. Parents should be planning to have their children enter the public schools the opening day and continue the entire session.

Age should not be the determining factor as to when a school career should terminate. Our compulsory attendance law cannot be prophetic and have no magic power; the degree of training necessary to meet the probable needs of the child in the activities of the busy world should form the sole basis for the decision.

We are living in an age that furnishes the keenest competition in every line of activity. Our children must have the best training possible to successfully meet the problems of life. It is the case quite often that the adolescents are tempted by the romance of the world of business or the desire to acquire more spending money to abandon the completion of their high school education.

Statistics show that one man in one million without a high school education attains distinction; 623 in one million attain distinction with a high education; and more than 5000 in one million with a college education attain distinction. This shows very conclusively that education pays. A good education is an asset—a lack of it is a matter of regret.

When vacations are over see to it that your child is put in school. Merkel has a splendid school system. It is equal to the best in the state and we are planning many improvements for the coming session. So let your slogan be "Back to School." J. A. Summerhill, Supt.

SMITH-CONDER WEDDING

At the Baptist Parsonage, on Wednesday afternoon at five o'clock, in the presence of a few friends, Rev. Ira L. Parrack, the pastor, pronounced the words that bound in Holy Wedlock Mr. Buford Smith and Miss Thelma Conder.

Both the contracting parties are well known and very popular young people, the groom being a son of Mrs. C. B. Smith, and the bride the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Conder. This paper joins their host of friends in extending congratulations and good wishes.

We are informed that the happy couple will make their home in Houston.

Born August 8th to Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Sublett, a bouncing baby boy.

ABILENE ROAD IS WORST FROM HERE TO ARKANSAS

Mr. H. Turner, a business man of Siloam Springs, Ark. accompanied by his family came in last week for a visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Turner, of the Stith community.

Mr. Turner in speaking of the roads, bad, good and otherwise, stated that the roughest road they found on their long trip from Arkansas to Merkel was the 18 miles between Merkel and Abilene.

SCATTERED SHOWERS CONTINUE TO FALL

Scattered showers have continued to fall in this section this week, but they have been light and have fallen in distant sections. There are some sections that have not as yet had any rain to speak of and the crops in these sections are almost ruined, while crops are said to be very good where heavy rains have fallen. If other good rains follow soon, in many sections there will be some extra good crops made. But more rain is needed soon.

Jones' Buyers to Market

Mr. W. J. Sheppard, local manager for the Jones Dry Goods Company, will leave Saturday or Sunday for the Eastern Markets where he, with other representatives of the Jones chain of thirteen stores over Texas, will select and purchase for this firm the large and complete stock of dry goods for the fall and winter season.

A LETTER FROM THE ARMORY BOYS

(By Lewis Giles)

We arrived in Camp Stanley about 11:30 Friday morning, and immediately began our battle trying to keep cool, and the battle has been raging ever since. The first night the recruits stayed up all night waiting for revile. The next day was spent trying to teach the rookies how to do "squads right," and the next day, Sunday, the Battery went to church. On Monday the men were all up early and spent the day dodging work and officers. Today (Tuesday) the Battery received some copies of the Merkel Mail which were highly appreciated. We have two excellent cooks in the outfit, Mr. Ernest Moore and Mr. Evan Allen, and we have been having good eats every since we arrived.

Lt. Grimes: "Gilmore you are to be permanent Kitchen Police from now on."

Gilmore: "Thanks, Lieutenant I told the folks before I left home I would be made an officer of some kind before I left camp."

Tye Bryant reports that this is the awfulest war that he has ever in.

The first evening retreat was blown Rodden Campbell ran clear out of camp.

Sargent Polly is sore at the world too because he had to manure the toe nails of his horse this morning.

The seven biggest jokes: Sgt. Richardson, Lt. Jackson, Sgt. Polley, Sgt. Daniel, Lt. Grimes and Adams the Tailor.

Lt. Jackson sure gets a kick out of being saluted for he walks around the camp two or three times a day to get the salutes of the camp's population.

Dr. Frank Armstrong was up this week from Fort Worth for a visit with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong.

SKETCH OF LATE COL. HICKS' LIFE

(By his son, Henry R. Hicks)

Col. A. F. Hicks was born in Cornwall, Sommersetshire, England, March 29, 1839, and died July 31, 1925, at Marble Falls, Burnet County, Texas, being 86 years, 4 months and 2 days old.

He is survived by his second wife, Mrs. E. L. Hicks, a son, Henry R. Hicks, and four grandchildren, Robert and Vestal Hicks, Mrs. A. E. Brown and Mrs. A. H. Hutchins, and six great-grandchildren, to mourn his death.

He was the youngest child (four brothers and four sisters being older than he) of Henry Hicks and Catherine Hicks of Cornwall, England. He never boasted of his "royal blood," but his father and mother both were of "royal blood," his mother being a second cousin of Queen Victoria of England, which would make him fifth cousin of the present King of England. He left England in 1859 and came to America during the "great gold fever" in British Columbia, N. A. He came on a sailing vessel from England bound for the Sandwich Islands, with a large cargo for that place. On this ship was another young man, Bishop A. C. Garrett, who died in Dallas a few years ago, and they were great friends and room-mates on this voyage.

Ships then had to sail around Cape Horn, the southern point of South America, to reach any point on the western coast of North America or the Sandwich Islands. When near the Equator, west of South America, they were struck by a storm which blew the ship south into the icebergs near the South Pole. Every one thought the ship was going to sink and Bishop Garrett preached from this text, "Prepare to Meet Thy God," and the message so affected every one that every eye was filled with tears. After the storm the vessel proceeded to Sanwich Islands. It took six weeks to unload what freight they had for that place. They then started for Victoria, Van Couver Island, where the rest of the cargo was unloaded.

Colonel Hicks was preceded to America by his oldest sister, whose husband, Wm. B. Smith, was British Consul to America. After several years in the "Gold fields" he came back to Victoria, and during the Civil War in the United States, the latter part of 1864 or the first of 1865, he organized a company of men and volunteered their services to the confederacy, and was accepted by President Davis, and he was elected Captain of the company. The company never was in active service because of the surrender of the South. About 1895 he was promoted to the office of "Colonel" by the Mountain Remnant Brigade Confederate Veterans of Texas. After the Civil War he returned to Victoria and engaged in the mercantile business.

On November 29, 1865 he was married to Miss Mary A. Hutchinson, of Victoria, Bishop A. C. Garrett officiating. To this union were born two children, Henry R. and Mrs. Mrs. E. C. Lacy (deceased). He left Victoria when his son Henry was three months old and moved to San Jose, California, where he and his father-in-law, R. M. Hutchinson, entered the cattle business. In 1870 he and his father-in-law came to Texas and bought cattle, which at that time could be bought for \$2.00 per head (grown steers up to 10 years old) and started to drive (Continued on Last Page)

We Stand on Our Record

The things a bank stand for are best determined by its record in the past.

In inviting people to avail themselves of the service of this bank, we make no promises of conferring unusual privileges; but we do stand on our established policy of giving every one who comes to us the same courteous, efficient, service, and every assistance that sound banking practice will allow.

If you want assurance of the fair treatment you will receive here, ask those we have served.

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BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday school 10 a.m. with places for all. We were all delighted at the attendance Sunday. It begins to look like Fall of the year, as so many are returning from their vacation and taking their places again in the work.

The pastor will preach at 11 a.m. and 8:15 p.m. Morning subject, "Unconscious Ministries." Evening subject, "Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven."

All B.Y.P.U.'s meet at 7:15. All young people of the church and Sunday school will find congenial companies of workers to meet with.

We will likely have baptizing again Sunday evening following the preaching services, as two of those approved for baptism could not be present last Sunday evening.

Officers and teachers meeting Monday 8 p.m. We had a good attendance last Monday night

and plans are maturing to take care of our work through the fall. Come if you are an officer or a teacher or if you are willing to work for a more efficient Sunday School.

Ladies meeting Tuesday 4 p.m. Prayermeeting Wednesday at 8:15 p.m. Again we had more than the hundred in the prayer-meeting and a fine devotional service.

Come work and worship with us. Strangers and visitors always welcome. With all the churches there are in Merkel, every one should be able to find a place where the worship would be such that it could be joined in heartily. No one need starve their soul. Give your soul a chance; attend services in one of the Merkel Churches Sunday. Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Bridges of Ranger are here visiting relatives and friends.

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DORA ITEMS

The crops are looking fine after the nice rains that have fallen here.

The farmers have begun digging grass again since the rain.

Mrs. M. E. Moore accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Eva Ritchens and two sons of Dora, have gone to Aspermont to spend a few days.

Sidney Moore Made a flying trip to Blackwell Monday.

Mr. Ernest Gibbson and father motored to Sweetwater Saturday afternoon on business.

Some of the Valley Creek people are attending the Methodist meeting being held at the Chapel

Mr. and Mrs. John Bardwell and family were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gibbson Friday night.

Two of the Tyrone boys of Lubbock are visiting their brother, Mr. Pete Tyrone here.

Mr. Ernest and Earl Bibbson are expecting their brother and his wife of Amarillo Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Frazier spent the night with Mr. Wood Turner Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Frazier and family motored to Merkel Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Rena Moore has been suffering from a very sore hand but is better now.

Mr. Watson of Fort Worth has been a visitor here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gibbson motored to Sweetwater Tuesday.

Uncle Frank Demere of White Church was a visitor of Mr. Gibbson Friday afternoon.

Miss Mary Ellen Frazier spent last Friday night with her sister of White Church.

A singing school began at Dora Monday evening at 1:30 o'clock, lasting 10 days.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner of Nubia were the visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Frazier Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Brown of White Church and also Mr. and Mrs. Frazier Demere spent the evening with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Frazier Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gibbson Earl Gibbson and their brother, Mr. Bill Gibbson from the Plains went fishing Monday.

Miss Mary Ellen Frazier spent the afternoon with Miss Rebia Demere of White Church Sunday.

WARREN NOTES

By Miss Vera Jones

The farmers are all busy plowing over their crops and would like to see another rain.

Many people from this community have been attending the meeting at Stith the last week. They are having a glorious meeting there.

Miss Lorene Ellington spent Sunday night with Miss Violet Jones.

Those who visited Miss Helen McCormick Sunday were Misses Stella Kelsey, Cartie Ellington, Azilene Sumpter and Vera Jones.

Miss Willie Numan spent Sunday with Misses Willie and Rose Ellington.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Higgins visited Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris Sunday.

Misses Nela Hudson and Lois Jaynes spent Sunday with Miss Vela Jones.

Mrs. Shouse of Trent is spending the week with her daughter Mrs. C. T. McCormick.

Mr. and Mrs. Kinsey and Miss Lizzie Kinsey of Sylvester visited Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones for a while Saturday night.

We are very sorry to learn that Mr. Buster McCoy had to be operated on Saturday, but we are glad to know that he is improving at this time.

We buy your Cream and Eggs; we are always on the top. So when you come to town make this your place to stop. We pay you 25c for eggs and 35c for Cream, so buy your groceries where you can always get them fresh and clean.—at McDonald & Collum. 1t

SHILOH HAPPENINGS

By Mrs. C. W. Seago

Health of the community is good at this writing.

Miss Edrie Tiner is able to be up again. She visited Misses Ruth and Anna Williams Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert James visited Mr. and Mrs. Maude Watson Sunday evening.

Mr. Hardie Rutledge and family spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Lovel Rutledge.

Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Winter of Lamesa are visiting relatives and friends here this week.

Had pretty good attendance at singing Sunday evening. Prof. Johnson of Trent was with us.

Miss Stella Lewis of Brownwood is visiting in the home of Mrs. B. L. James.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill James spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Shouse of Hebron.

Mr. Homer Greene and mother attended services at Hebron Sunday.

Mr. Will Seago and family of Shamrock visited in the homes of Mr. Jake Wardlow in the Horn community and C. W. Seago.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Shouse spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill James.

Hardie Rutledge and family, Lovel Rutledge and family, Mrs. B. L. James and family and Miss Stella Lewis visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill James Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hayhurst, of Plainview, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Grayson were guests of the writer and family Sunday night.

Mr. Willie Rummage and family of Morton, Texas, spent Monday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert James.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rutledge, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Phillips were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winter Sunday.

Mrs. Henry Smith of Noodle visited her mother, Mrs. J. D. Womack, Tuesday evening.

Miss Bert James visited Mrs. Tiner Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Bradberry spent Tuesday with her sister Mrs. Burkett.

The Baptist meeting will begin at Shiloh Friday night before the fourth Sunday in August. Everybody invited to attend all services.

Sunday School next Sunday at 10:30.

Miss Meeta Yeager, of Winters, who has been the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Shaw for some time, returned to her home last week end, and her cousins Misses Maple, Roxie and Daisy and M. J. Shaw, Jr., returned home with her for a week's visit.

THE OLD RELIABLE FARMERS & MERCHANTS National Bank

Merkel, Texas
Close of Business June 30, 1925

RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$265,141.92
Overdrafts	170.16
Bonds and Warrants	23,938.37
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Stock in Fed Int. Bkg. Co.	90.00
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
Five per cent Red. Fund	312.50
CASH, SIGHT EXCHANGE	
AND U. S. BONDS	253,716.93

Total\$552,819.88

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Undivided profits	18,951.98
Circulation Acct.	6,250.00
BORROWED MONEY	NONE
DEPOSITS	477,617.90

Total\$552,819.88

In the above statement we carry no bonds not our own, bought and paid for by this bank. The interest on which we collect and credit to interest earned. Our bonds can be sold this Friday morning at \$3,420 premium besides accrued interest.

In addition to the above our customers have left with us for safe keeping \$54,275.00 which never show in our statement. We keep these bonds registered and insured and our examiners always check them as carefully as they do our cash. For the benefit of our customers we are again publishing our itemized statement which we send to the Comptroller of Currency. Carefully study it and any item you do not understand, we will be glad to explain to you. We are very proud of that statement and we want you to know about it.

J. T. Warren, Pres. **L. R. Thompson, Cash.**
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METHODIST CHURCH

The pastor was delighted with the services last Sunday. Every one seemed to get a blessing. Come out Sunday. Be at both services, Sunday morning "Dedicating the Children." Sunday night, "Second Coming of Jesus" We will make the services profitable for every one.

Junior B.Y.P.U. Program

1. Mabel Pilcher. 2 Audie Lou Giles. 3 Oleta Moore. 4 Himalaya Swafford. 5 Mary C. Cummings. 6 Benjamin Sheppard. 7 Sarah Sheppard. 8 Cullen Tittle.

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I have been closed for 30 days on account of sickness in my family, but now have my business open again, and want to buy your poultry and produce. Call and see me. I will treat you right. W. P. Duckett old place. J. D. Robertson. 7t2

Born on the 12th, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stevens. Mother and babe doing nicely.

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Feed MARTIN'S POULTRY TONE to your chickens and paint the hen house with MARTIN'S ROOST PAINT to kill and keep away insects. Guaranteed by Merkel Drug Company

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We have the largest finishing plant in the West. We buy high grade rough granite at the quarry which comes to us at a low raw material freight rate, which enables us to make any size and design at a saving in price to our customers.

Write us when ready to buy and our factory representative, Mr. G. C. McCord, a member of the firm, will be glad to call and submit modern designs and prices; or we would be glad to have you visit our plant. When you deal with us you deal direct, avoiding middle-man profit.

Wagons are Now Shipped!

We now have in transit a car of John Deere Farm Wagons, which includes, wood wheel trucks, iron wheel trucks, and regular wagons. Our prices are in line, so before you buy let us show them to you and give you our prices.

We also have, as usual, our regular stock of Hardware, stoves, cutlery, harness, queensware, and shelf hardware, anything in our line bought of us will be appreciated.

Crown Hardware Co.

State Fair "Crop" Superintendent



J. A. MOORE

J. A. Moore of Grand Prairie, Tex., is superintendent of the agricultural department at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25, and expects the most comprehensive agricultural display ever seen in Texas. A practical farmer himself, and for many years in the farm demonstration service, Mr. Moore is peculiarly fitted for the position he holds. Fully seventy-five county exhibits are expected at the 1925 State Fair.

NEW AUDITORIUM TO BE DEDICATED AT 1925 STATE FAIR

Magnificent \$500,000 Building Added to Permanent Structures—Big Broadway Show the Attraction

At the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25 (this year, the magnificent new \$500,000 Fair Park auditorium is to be dedicated and added to the many handsome permanent structures within the great Fair park.

Each year some big improvement of this character has been added to State Fair equipment within the last decade, but the new auditorium is perhaps the most pretentious of all the structures of the State Fair plant.

For its dedication there will be first, an organ recital on the \$50,000 instrument installed within the auditorium. This will be given by Clarence Eddy, acknowledged as one of the world's famous organ performers. His recital will be given in the afternoon of Saturday, Oct. 10, opening day of the 1925 State Fair.

Each night throughout the State Fair, with several matinees per week, "Sky High," a great musical comedy production direct from Broadway, will be offered. "Sky High" is a big Shubert production, and the Shuberts are recognized in New York as the greatest producers of the age. As one New York critic has said, their name connected with an offering is a guarantee of its goodness.

The State Fair management has contracted for "Sky High" in its entirety, just as it has been offered in New York at the Winter Garden since last February, and as it is still running. It will cost \$100,000 to bring it to Texas by special train, including Willie Howard, the famous comedian-star, and the entire company of 108, with all the scenery, the big orchestra, etc.

The auditorium is a building more than 200 feet each way in outside dimensions, and will seat 5,000 people. It is provided with an up-to-date heating and ventilating system and is fire-proof. It will prove one of the big sights at the 1925 State Fair, outside of the entertainment offered in it.

DAIRY ANIMAL BREEDERS TO MEET AT STATE FAIR

Meetings of both Jersey and Holstein breeders have been scheduled for the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25 this year. Positive dates for the sessions have not as yet been announced, but all members of both the Texas Jersey Cattle Club and of the Holstein Breeders' Association, have been notified that the gatherings will take place, and a big attendance is expected at each session. The Texas Jersey Cattle Club is offering a special premium at this year's State Fair, on county herds. Each herd must be made up of eight animals, owned by at least five different owners, and be representative of the county from which it is entered. Secretary D. T. Simons of the club, expects at least twenty such entries.

TO PASS UPON MERITS OF STATE FAIR FOWLS

Keen interest is already manifest in the poultry show to be held at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25, according to Walter Burton of Arlington, superintendent of the poultry department. Judges of the State Fair poultry show will be Newton Cosh, Vineland, N. J.; D. E. (Ted) Hale, Chicago, and E. C. Branch, Lee's Summit, Mo.

Festival of Old Music

A festival of the chamber music of the Sixteenth, Seventeenth and Eighteenth centuries is being arranged for August at Haslemere, England, where instruments will be used representing those of olden times. The festival is to be staged by Arnold Dolmetsch, who with other members of his family and pupils will play numerous rare instruments virtually unknown to the average music lover of today. The lute, the recorder, the viol, the virginal, the viola d'amore, the harpsichord, the clavichord, referred to by Rossetti as the "seven sweet symphonies" will be used in rendering the music of the old masters. English music of "the golden age period" (the Sixteenth and Seventeenth centuries) will have a prominent place on the festival program.

London Resumes Polka

Dances of twenty-five years ago have come back as one of the season's novelties in society. On these occasions the dancers wear costumes of the period. The polka, the mazurka, lancers and the barn dance have all been reintroduced with favor, and even that known as the Washington Post, danced to the march of that name, which is often heard on the London radio these days as played by England's best-known jazz orchestra, according to the New York World.

One of the first "quarter-century-ago" dances was arranged by Miss Belle Harding, a social favorite, who was attired in a black dress worn originally by her mother and which revealed a pink petticoat, considered a true symbol of Victorian days.

Interesting Anniversary

Abbot's Langley, a little village in Hertfordshire, England, is preparing to hold a commemoration this summer in honor of its most distinguished native son, Pope Adrian IV, the only Englishman ever to occupy the Vatican. A tablet is to be unveiled in the parish church to mark the fact that this pope was once a little Hertfordshire boy, named Nicholas Breakspear. A pageant will be held in the grounds which once formed the garden of the house in which Nicholas was born some four centuries ago. Being only an easy hour's motor-car run to the north of London, the village is expecting to entertain a large number of pilgrims.

Congress' Record for Laws

In sixty-eight sessions, covering 196 years of its existence, congress has passed 50,000 laws, or about 755 for each session, according to figures published in the Congressional Record. Of these forty-nine were unconstitutional.

Vanderbilt Had Vision of Aviation, in 1845

Back in 1849, when most adventurous souls were yielding to California bonanza allurements, the original Cornelius Vanderbilt, he was not yet acclaimed as the commodore, wrote this note to a Kingston (N. Y.) editor who had been his Staten Island boyhood friend:

"Dear John: Of course, I can't take any long vacation like you write about. You come down to New York for a week. I will take good care of you at my house, if I do have to work shirtsleeved all day, and we, anyhow can have the evenings together.

"Maybe I will find a way to show you how still some day we can find a way to do what your heart's set on going out to the Pacific. I am working on something that's wonderful—not my own individual notion, but what a man who has been teaching school over at Hoboken has in his mind. Folks over there promised to support his ideas, but then turned and laughed at him.

"I would mighty well like you to see him and talk with him. I have already backed him some and intend to keep along. He has a plan to make a real flying machine, and I reckon he is a pretty real calculator.

"Well, John, if he does make good you and I can be going to California soon in a proud way, not paddling down and round the Horn, but in our own wagon prancing up in the clouds across the rivers and looking down on the Rockies and reaching our landing right at Sutter's gold diggings, all in a few days. John, instead of taking a whole summertime journey.

"I wouldn't wonder if you will be bewitched, too."—Wall Street Journal

His Determination

"I'm going to resign my office and let the darn postmaster's slide!" said the official at the crossroads. "I've got plenty of d—n reason for it, too! One is that the emulsions of the office is too puny for the responsibilities, and another is that the fleas are too plenty. A feller that takes the only daily paper that comes here from the city has started shooting at me b'cuz he wants his darn paper before I'm through reading it. A passel of skunks has took to rendezvoozing under the building, and the atmosphere's disturbance is so thick you can cut it with the flat side of a barrel stave. Tuther day an unreasonable cuss who wanted his mail came right in through the side of the office with an ax, just b'cuz I'd gone off fishing. And I sorter hear it whispered that the K. K. K. is figgering on calling on me on gener'l principles, as it were, and I've decided that it is time for me to step down and out."—Kansas City Star.

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In This Paper

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On next Saturday morning we will open our new and up-to-date Stucco Filling Station for service to the public. A place where it is the intention of the management to render just a

LITTLE BETTER SERVICE

We will conduct this new filling station in connection with our garage next door. Mr. Mack Busby and myself, will be at the Filling Station to render you every service that is possible for us to give the public.

Mr. Charlie Higgins will be in charge of the mechanical department at the Garage, and there are few equals and no superiors to him in this line of service.

We will carry a full and complete line of the Humble Gas and Oils as well as the Famous Mobiloils.

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If it's Service you want, don't pass us up. And a trial means a constant customer.

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Phone 60

Junior League Program

Sunshine lives. Leader, Florence Rider.

Song, "There is Sunshine in My Soul." Scripture lesson, Jonah 1:1-7, Mary E. Grimes. Lord's prayer in concert. Song. Lesson story, Mrs. Rea. Angel's story, Imogene Middleton. Juniors cheer up and bring your smile to the league next Sunday. Yell leader, Holt Vaughn.

Junior Picnic-Party

Mrs. T. J. Rea entertained the Junior League with a picnic and party on the church lawn on last Monday afternoon. The children were amused with various games played on the lawn. Refreshments of sandwiches and lemonade were served at the close of the party and each child expressed thanks for having had "a sure enough good time."

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. James of Honey Grove, Texas, are here for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Barker, Mrs. James' parents, who reside on route four.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 8:15 p.m. Junior Christian Endeavor at the 11 o'clock hour. Senior Christian Endeavor at 7:00 p.m. Choir practice Wednesday at 8 p.m.

We rejoice in the increased attendance at both the Sunday school and regular church services. Let us make next Sunday a red-letter day with all teachers and pupils of the Sunday school on time and with a studied lesson.

We extend a cordial invitation to the public to worship with us at all services.

Mr. Eli Brooks, splendid farmer on route five, has our thanks for a subscription to the Mail. He reports fine crops now since the good rains.

Mr. Homer Dunn, formerly with Petty & Buford Barber Shop, announces that he is now associated with the Palace Barber Shop on Front street.

Tire Bargains!

- 2 31x4 S. S. Oldfield Cord, each \$12.50
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kel, Texas as second class mail.

Mr. Farmer, the Community
Fair in Merkel is being promoted
and held for the express purpose
of being some help to you. And
if a help to you it will be a help
to ALL the country. Lend your
assistance and cooperation in
the matter?

Some one has said that the
automobile has been a great
curse to the world. We don't be-
lieve it. If used right it is a
great blessing and help. It's the
pure and unadulterated mean-
ness in man, the automobiles do
no harm themselves.

The Community Fair is for
the encouragement of raising
more and better crops, poultry,
livestock, etc., and should prove
a help to the farmers and stock
raisers. And the better the crops
poultry and livestock the more
prosperous the whole commu-
nity. Then why not boost the
Merkel Community Fair?

The business man who just
lives for self alone seldom ever
gets very far in the business
world. He is generally about as
small in the business world as
will his soul be in the next. And
he is generally a shriveled up
human in the community where
he resides and cannot command
the patronage he otherwise
would merit.

It is indeed a proven fact that
it helps most every person to
take a vacation from their busi-
ness and every day grind at

least once a year. It would at
least help to remove the cloud of
gloom that constantly hangs
over the city if some people
would take a departure for a day
or so, as their constant grouch
and "beefing" would be cheerfully
missed by the citizenship.

The Luncheon Club is again at
work. The purpose of the orga-
nization is to promote the best
interests of the town and its
people. A Luncheon Club is a
great blessing to any town, even
if carried on by a few of the
"faithfuls", but Oh! what great
work the organization could do
if only it had the cooperation
of ALL the people.

The Community Fair should
be conducted in a fair way to
one and all alike, and should not
be managed to the detriment of
the small man or in the special
interest of any man. It should
not be a money making business.
The Community Fair should
be open to any and all, other-
wise it's a failure. No one man
or firm should have one bit of
advantage over the other.

To remind you of what a fine
town and community we have in
our own city, we need only to
refer one to the fact that every
person within the community
who goes away and comes back
invariably comes back with a
word of praise for the home
town, the community and its
people. So, if you still have the
grouch and think this a distaste-
ful and undesirable place in
which to live, we advise a vaca-
tion and trip to some distant
town or state, and we believe you
will come back better satisfied
than ever and infact glad that
you live in Merkel.

If you remember, last year
when the Community Fair plans
were first begun there were
many merchants that did not
show any interest or enthusiasm
in the affair until they saw that
their competitors were really go-
ing to make lovely displays in

the merchants' display depart-
ment; that they were going to
make displays that would adver-
tise their business and bring to
their stores much good business
in the future. To all merchants
who seem to have no interest
in a Community Fair at this
time we would remind you—
"Don't wait until the space has
all been taken by your competi-
tors and then raise a howl of
'unfair play.' Go to the Fair com-
mittee NOW and make reserva-
tions for your space."

**BIDS SOLICITED FOR
SCHOOL DEPOSITORY**

The Merkel Board of Educa-
tion will receive sealed bids un-
til September 1, for depository
of School funds for the two-year
period beginning Sept. 1, 1925,
and closing August 31, 1927.
Bids received by secretary of
Board, W. O. Boney. It
R. O. Anderson, President.
W. O. Boney, Secretary.

Mr. E. H. Patterson, one of
the successful and well fixed
farmers residing on route three,
was in the city one day this
week and reported feed fair and
his cotton crop very fine at
this time.

Mr. T. R. Lassiter, accompa-
nied by his son-in-law, Mr. W. M.
Tucker, of Fullbright, Texas,
have just returned from a trip
over the Plains and into New
Mexico.

Mr. Ed Gant, splendid em-
ploye of the Merkel Garage, ac-
companied by his wife and baby
returned Wednesday from a very
pleasant visit with friends and
relatives in Arkansas. Mr. Gant
reports that country in fine con-
dition, with excellent crops.

Hulls—Hay—Cow Feed. Swaf-
ford, phone 44. It

W. O. Boney represents the
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money. It

**NEW CHEVROLET HAS
ADDED REFINEMENTS**

Detroit, Mich. Aug. 12.—Fol-
lowing closely the recent price
reduction on Chevrolet closed
cars, came the announcement
today from W. S. Knudsen, pres-
ident and general manager of the
Chevrolet Motor Company, that
the entire line of both open and
closed models has been improved
by the addition of numerous re-
finements.

Included in the list of improve-
ments are new and attractive
headlights which replace the for-
mer type. They are mounted on a
heavy tie-bar placed between the
front fenders. This arrangement
affords better mounting for the
headlights and permits them to
be interchangeable, eliminating
the necessity for right and left
hand lamps. The tie-bar also pro-
vides a convenient place for
carrying the front license plate.

The former steering wheel has
been supplanted by a substantial
walnut wheel with notched fin-
ger-grips. The center of the
wheel spider is of polished alumi-
num.

An improved mounting for the
spark and throttle controls has
been arranged on the instrument
panel. The gear shift lever has
been lengthened 3 inches. The
horn formerly used has been re-
placed by a motor driven Klaxon
horn. A heavier tie-rod has been
placed between the radiator and
dash. Additional interior rein-
forcements have been added to
the Harrison radiator of rustless
airplane metal. Balloon tires are
standard on all closed models.

The new prices on the closed
models are: Coupe, \$675; Coach,
\$695; Sedan, \$775. The revised
price list represents a reduction
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Taylor County—Greeting.

You are hereby commanded to
summon Clarence Allison by
making publication of this Cita-
tion once in each week for four
consecutive weeks previous to
the return day hereof, in some
newspaper published in your
County, if there be a newspaper
published therein, but if not,
then in any newspaper published
in the nearest county where a
newspaper is published to appear
at the next regular term of the
District Court of Taylor County,
Texas, to be holden at the Court
House thereof, in the city of
Abilene, on the 1st Monday in
September, A. D. 1925, the same
being the 7th day of September
A. D. 1925, then and there to
answer a petition filed in said
Court on the 3rd day of August,
A. D. 1925, in a suit numbered
on the docket of said Court No.
5866, Wherein Mrs. Blanche Al-
lison is Plaintiff, and Clarence
Allison is Defendant, said suit
being a suit for divorce on the
grounds of cruel treatment, said
petition alleging the marriage of
plaintiff and defendant and var-
ious acts of cruel treatment on
part of defendant and prays for
decree of divorce.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have
before said Court, at its afore-
said next regular term, this writ
with your return thereon, show-
ing how you have executed the
same.

WITNESS, J. K. Fuller, Clerk of
the District Court of Taylor
County.

Given under my Hand and the
Seal of said Court, at office in
Abilene, Texas, this 3rd day
of August A. D. 1925.

J. K. FULLER, Clerk,
District Court, Taylor County.
By Belle Wellborn, Deputy. It

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Will give another prize for four dancing old time
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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks and Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes left first of the week for an outing and vacation trip to the coast country. They will visit San Antonio, Galveston and Corpus Christi before they return.

BARBER SHOP CHANGE

I have purchased an interest in the Palace Barber Shop, next door to Holloway's Cafe, a new man in the town but 23 years a barber. Will be glad for you to give us a trial. "First class work is our motto." Ladies work a Specialty. F. M. SMITH. 14t2p

Mrs. Geo. Brown returned the first of the week from Dallas, where she spent some three weeks visiting her daughter. Mrs. R. A. McBean.

Messrs. S. D. Gamble, Frank McFarland, W. I. Cogburn, Bill Cox and Uncle Billie Sheppard and Cecil Bell spent several days this week on the Concho.

HEBRON GOSSIP

By Mayflower

The farmers are needing rain and from the looks of the clouds at this time it may come soon.

The Baptist revival closed on Sunday afternoon at three thirty which was a great success. There were four persons baptized Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Glasscoe of Comanche returned home Sunday after a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. V. Garner. Mrs. Glasscoe assisted as pianist during the revival.

The new bridge which is being built over bitter creek will soon be completed.

Rev. O. B. Tatum left Sunday afternoon for Riverside, where he will hold a meeting.

Rev. J. J. Gentry left Sunday afternoon for their home at Lueders after assisting Rev. O. B. Tatum in the revival here last week.

Miss Lillie Davis and Evelyn Pannell are spending the week with Mrs. John McClung of Golan.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Garner and family dined with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Williamson Sunday.

Miss Alma Davis visited Miss Bessielou Pannell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pannell had as their guest Sunday Rev. O. B. Tatum and wife, Rev. J. J. Gentry and wife and sons.

Miss Evelyn Pannell visited Miss Lillie Davis Sunday.

Mr. Thomas Harris and Jessie Davis were visiting in Golan Sunday.

Miss Ruby Hartline spent Friday night with Miss Winnie Bayless.

Miss Lola Shelton visited Mrs. Johnny Dunn, Jr., Tuesday.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Burgess spent several days here first of the week on their return from Austin, where they spent several weeks, Mr. Burgess taking some work at the State University. They left Wednesday for Childress, where he will be the Superintendent of the schools of that city for the coming term. They are fine folks and number their friends by their acquaintances.

W. O. Boney can make you a loan from 5 years to 33 years at 6% interest. 1t

DREADFUL PAINS

This Lady Suffered Severely, Took Cardui, and Got Well.

Mrs. George S. Hunter, of Columbus, Ga., writes:

"I suffered with dreadful pains in my sides during . . . My side hurt so bad it nearly killed me. I had to go to bed and stay sometimes two weeks at a time. I could not work and I just dragged around the house.

"I got very thin—I went from 126 pounds down to less than 100. My mother had long been a user of Cardui and she knew what a good medicine it was for this trouble, so she told me to get some and take it. I sent to the store after it and before I had taken the first bottle I began to improve.

"My sides hurt less and I began to improve in health. . . The Cardui acted as a fine tonic and I do not feel like the same person. I am so much better. I am well now.

"I have gained 10 pounds and am still gaining. My sides do not trouble me at all.

"I wish every suffering woman knew about Cardui."

At all drug stores.

Take **CARDUI** THE WOMAN'S TONIC

Has Birthday Party

Master Winston Polly, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Polly, celebrated his seventh birthday on last Monday by entertaining nine of his little playmates. Interesting our-door games were enjoyed, after which refreshments of melon and ice cream were enjoyed by all.

Hulls—Hay—Cow Feed. Swafford, phone 44. 1t

We buy your Cream and Eggs: we are always on the top. So when you come to town make this your place to stop. We pay you 25c for eggs and 35c for Cream, so buy your groceries where you can always get them fresh and clean.—at McDonald & Collum. 1t

Mr. Walter McConnell and family of Pampa, Texas, are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Murray. 1t

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Everybody's Garage

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Front Street Phone 72

It has come to my ears and is being talked around Merkel that I was fired off the Jones County Farm Bureau work. I wish to say that I have on file a copy of my resignation which was tendered three weeks before I quit. I also have a letter from Mr. Mays, Director of Field Service, asking me to stay on the work fifteen days longer. Yours truly,
C. W. SIMPSON. It

Hulls—Hay—Cow Feed. Swafford, phone 44. It

Dr. J. P. Howard returned first of the week from his vacation of some 30 days, which he spent mostly with his parents at Crosbyton, Texas.

M. E. Missionary Society

We had a splendid meeting of the Missionary Society on last Monday afternoon. There were twelve present and one visitor whom we were all delighted to see, Mrs. R. A. Burgess, now of Childress. There will be another lesson from the Study Book next Monday afternoon. This is really an interesting study and every member of the society would enjoy these lessons whether you study the book or not. Be there next Monday afternoon at 4.

The many friends of Miss Wynona Patton of the Salt Branch community, will be glad to learn that she is getting along nicely since having a slight operation.

Heads State Fair Swine Breeders



A. L. WARD

A. L. Ward, swine husbandman at A. & M. College, will be in charge of the swine division at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25. Mr. Ward declares that the keenest interest has been manifested by breeders all over the state, and that he expects the most creditable showing at the 1925 State Fair that Texas has ever known.

RACES AND RODEO TO BE FEATURES AT STATE FAIR

Horse Events First Seven Days—Rodeo to Follow Second Week Before the Race Track Grand Stand

A seven day running race meeting, followed by a real "old West" rodeo, are to be featured of the 1925 State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25 next, according to announcement.

The race meeting will start with the opening day of this year's fair, on Saturday, Oct. 10. There will be a program of six events each day, except on Sunday, Oct. 11, up to and including the following Saturday, Oct. 17.

On Sunday, Oct. 18, the first offering of the rodeo will be given, and there will be similar offerings each afternoon thereafter throughout the second week of the fair.

Dr. A. E. Flowers, who has been recognized in connection with State Fair racing for many years, will have charge of the speed department, and has announced that all indications are for a most successful meeting, with many of the best runners in the country expected to participate for the liberal purses offered.

The State Fair rodeo will offer to newcomers in Texas, an opportunity to witness the pastimes of older days in the border country, and assurances are given that some of the brightest stars of the rope and saddle will be seen in action, including not a few of those who went to England last year, and appeared before crowned heads in the great Wembley stadium.

STATE FAIR FIREWORKS TO SHOW ANCIENT ROME

"Rome Under Nero" is the title of the big, spectacular fireworks exhibition to be staged before the race track grand stand, each night of the 1925 State Fair of Texas, Oct. 10-25 next, according to announcement. A great special setting will depict the glories of the old Roman capital at the time the tyrant Nero, ruled, and the basis of the pyrotechnics, of course, will be the historic burning of the "city of the seven hills," while the despotic Caesar fiddled upon his gilded throne. The spectacle, it is declared, has been given the sanction of preachers and teachers in many sections of the country, because of its close attention to history with regard to actual happenings, costuming and all other details.

ADDITIONAL PARKING SPACE FOR STATE FAIR PATRONS

Twenty acres of additional automobile parking space will be provided within the State Fair grounds for the 1925 State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25.

With the building of the new Fair Park auditorium, some part of the parking facility within the Gaston Park section of the Fair grounds was taken away, but automobiles will still be parked within that enclosure.

The new parking area has been provided by removing the outer fence about the race track at the east turn. The sixty-foot width of space thus afforded, will accommodate 5,000 cars, it is estimated, as it will extend all the way from the paddock to the main gate entering upon the track, on the east side near the racing barns.

LIVE STOCK JUDGES FOR 1925 STATE FAIR

John A. Lee, Westerville, Ohio; W. H. Standish, Lyons, O., and W. T. Watson, Lincoln, Kans., have accepted appointment as live stock judges at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25. They will judge Jerseys, Holsteins and jacks and mules respectively.

COMPERE ITEMS By Miss Alma Stout

Health of the community is very good at present.

Some of the folks from here have been attending the revival meeting at Stith held by Rev. A. C. Bell.

There was preaching at the Presbyterian church Sunday night and singing at the Baptist church. The Nazarine meeting did not start this week on account of other meetings going on but will start in a few days. The exact date will be announced later.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parks and children spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Stout.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cranston returned recently from an extended trip through the West. They visited several western states and remained several days in Colorado. They reported a fine trip and much beautiful scenery.

Those visiting Mrs. Stout for a while Sunday were Mr. Hall and Jasper Hobbs, Ollie Hobbs, Charlie Allred and Matt Randolph.

Mrs. Allred, who has been sick for a while has improved very much and is able to be about now.

Mr. and Mrs. Blankenship returned recently from a week's visit with relatives in Oklahoma.

Some of the Compere people have been attending the Christian revival at Truby. They report a fine meeting.

Mr. Cora Camp returned Friday night with Mr. Raymond Stout.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Foster had as their guest Sunday, Mr. Foster's niece from East Texas.

Work has been started on the Teacherage at Compere and the building will try to be completed by the time school starts so

Pay Cash and Save Money

Every person who buys goods of any kind or character, as well as those who sell, know that it pays to buy for cash.

The Reason: The business man can sell his goods for less. Why? Because he does not have so much expense in operating. Besides there are no bad accounts to lose. He is therefore amply able to sell for less, and which means a saving to his customers.

Our business has grown wonderfully, far beyond our expectations since going on a CASH BASIS, and if you are not now one of our satisfied customers, we invite you to come around and give us a trial.

That Good Gulf Gasoline and Oils
The Dayton Tire and Tubes
None Better.

Middleton's Filling Station & Tourist Camp

the teachers can move in and be ready to teach school at the first of the term.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Foster and little son visited at Mrs. Stout's for a while Tuesday evening.

Mr. Tarvin motored to Clyde one day last week.

Mrs. D. Ashby has been sick for the last two weeks.

Those visiting Mrs. Tarvin's Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Howard and children and Miss Bernice Hanson.

Carvel Tucker is home from Austin, where he has been attending summer school at the State University. Carvel is a

mighty fine young man, is working hard for an education, and will enter the University again at the opening of the fall session in September.

Barnes Variety Store

Invites you to call and inspect their excellent line of novelties and general Variety Stock. Get our prices. In this store there are many important items you often need that can be bought here at a saving. And we have many items not found in any other store in the city. When in town come in to see us. We will appreciate your business. E. B. Barnes, Proprietor.

EL PASO AND RETURN

LABOR DAY EXCURSION

TEXAS AND PACIFIC RAILWAY

TWO BIG DAYS IN EL PASO AND JUAREZ

SPECIAL TRAIN

ROUND TRIP \$12.00

LEAVE MERKEL AT 3:50 P. M. SAT. SEPT. 5

Arrive El Paso 7:30 A. M. Sunday

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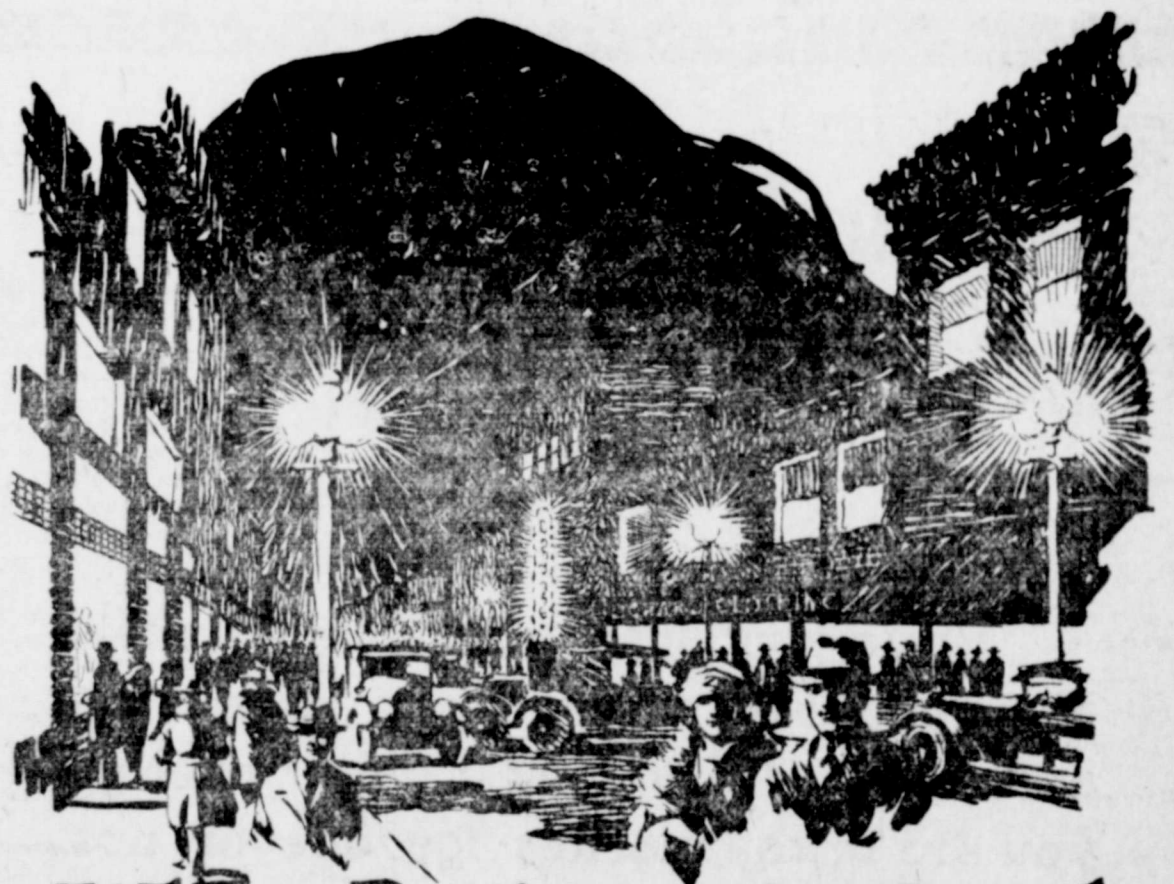
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Returning leave El Paso Monday, Sept. 7th, 7 P. M.

Visit Juarez, Mexico, Across the River, and See Many Interesting Sights of a Foreign Land

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When Business is Good

SATURDAY night is a mighty good time to ask yourself this question: "Is our community sending more money out of town than is coming in each week?" Of course the only safe answer is "NO!"

This means that we folks in this neighborhood must patronize local supply men and merchants if we expect our town to prosper and "stay on the map."

Frankly, it means that every citizen will find it most profitable to read the advertisements in this paper every issue, and to follow their good advice.

Our advertisers are all personally interested in this town—and in YOU. They are helping you build a better home community. When business is good, their profits are being shared with you in an endless chain of co-operative betterment.

Read the Ads in this Paper and save yourself money by trading at home

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Subject: "Religious Liberty."
 Leader: Mary Parrack.
 Introduction by leader. Part 1, Flossie Campbell. Part 2, Yates Brown. Part 3, Bill Haynes. Part 4, Helen Booth. Part 5, Floyd Dowell. Part 6, Ola Sharp.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail.

POULTRY INSECTS can be killed and kept away by painting hen houses with MARTIN'S ROOST PAINT and feeding MARTIN'S POULTRY TONIC to your chickens. Guaranteed by Hamm Drug Company

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If you want a well drilled, windmill or pump repaired, or anything in the well or pipe line. See—

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 Or Phone No. 2.

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Water well Driller, all work guaranteed first-class.

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 Citizens National Bank Building
 Abilene, Texas

BILIOUSNESS

Retired Minister Tells How He Keeps in Good Form.

The Rev. Lewis Evans, a well-known retired minister, past 80, living at West Graham, Va., says: "For years I had been suffering with my liver. Sometimes the pain would be very intense and my back would hurt all the time. Black-Draught was the first thing I found that would give me any relief."

"My liver has always been sluggish. Sometimes it gives me a lot of trouble. I have suffered a lot with it—pains in my side and back, and bad headache, caused from extreme biliousness."

"After I found Black-Draught, I would begin to take it as soon as I felt a spell coming on and it relieved the cause at once. I can recommend it to anybody suffering from liver trouble. A dose or two now and then keeps me in good form."

Made from selected medicinal roots and herbs, and containing no dangerous mineral drugs, Black-Draught is nature's own remedy for a tired, lazy liver.

Sold everywhere.
BLACK-DRAUGHT
 LIVER MEDICINE

Old City of Wales Buried Under Sand

We are accustomed to buried cities of the East, and even in the forests of Africa one is not surprised to hear that ancient ruins have been buried in the jungle. But to find a buried city in Wales seems something of an anomaly. Yet on the borders of Swansea bay, in the heart of a great sandhill, lies the buried city of Kenfig. There is today a village close by called Ton Kenfig. It is behind the sandhills in which the buried city lies, and from which the broken wall of a ruined tower projects to this day.

In the days of the Conqueror Kenfig was a walled city, a great commercial center, and filled with armed men. But an insidious foe—the blown sand—was always liable to break down its best defences. Year by year, bit by bit, it gained the victory, till by the time Queen Elizabeth began her reign there was little to be seen of the city except a dune and a ruined tower.

For ages tradition had it that the town was submerged by sand in a great storm, as Pompeii was overwhelmed by volcanic dust, but the chronicles of Margam abbey, which have recently been examined, make it plain that the sand encroachments lasted for many years, and that the process of burying this Welsh city was a slow one.—London Times.

Stupid Errors Made by Great Painters

Magnificent and incomparable as was the workmanship of the old masters, as found chiefly in the churches and picture galleries of the Continent, when it came down to detail, things both ludicrous and anomalous were apt to appear. A picture is to be seen dealing with the crucifixion in which a confessor holds out a cross to the dying thief. A painting by a Dutch artist, representing the sacrifice of Isaac, is to be seen in which Abraham stands over his son holding a blunderbuss! In the National gallery, too, may be found an old-master painting, in which a saint holds a very modern-looking pair of horn-rimmed spectacles. Painters of extremely advanced views seem to delight in this sort of thing. Not long ago a picture of "The Deluge" was exhibited in London, by a student of the Slade school, in which Noah and his sons wore derby hats.—London Mail.

The Man Who Counts

It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and short coming; who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.—Theodore Roosevelt.

Wrong or Right

There is an old judge of the Supreme court in New York who recently in private conversation was heard to vigorously defend one of his friends who had fallen by the wayside. He was challenged for defending a man who had been proved to be wrong.

"That was only one failure," said the old judge. "Consider the fine things about him—"

"But," objected one of the critics, "I don't see how you can stand up for this fellow even if he is a friend. He certainly was wrong."

"Any man will stand up for you when you are right," replied the old judge. "But it takes a friend to stand up for you when you are wrong."

And there was silence.—Dellneator.

Birth of Rocking Chair

Rocking chairs are commonly referred to as an American institution purely. They had their greatest development, of course, during the Nineteenth century, when they passed through the stage of makeshift rockers cut flat on top with the bottom in the form of an arc, to those which constituted an integral part of the chair, and from these to those monstrosities of furniture called patent rockers. That was the beginning of their decadence, says the Boston Transcript. Rocking chairs are made now, but they are simple in construction, and the elaborate arrangements of springs and bases are known no more.

Had Learned Something

A woman called at a studio for a sitting. The photographer made two negatives and promised proofs for the following day.

The next day her husband called for the proofs, but the photographer showed him only one. The husband said: "My understanding was that there were to be two proofs."

"I did make two sittings of your wife," replied the photographer, "but in one she held her lips apart and showed the end of her tongue."

"My goodness," gasped the husband, "let me see that one. I didn't know there was an end to it."

Both Swift and Sure Was Vigilante Justice

The Montana Vigilantes, who deliv-ered that territory of such notorious gangs as Henry Plummer's in the '90s, were nothing if not methodical in their self-appointed task. Besides Plummer's band of road agents and murderers, to which a total of 102 deaths alone is credited, the population of the gold fields numbered many fugitives from justice from all parts of the country.

In many places the lawless element was totally superior in force to the honest citizen group, which was driven to the establishment of a Vigilance committee to protect lives and property. Outnumbered as they were, the Vigilantes worked in secret and as mysteriously as possible; their principal tools were the mask and the rope. Some time during the night a white card always exactly seven by nine inches and bearing the numerals 3-7-77 in black ink, was pinned on the tent or tacked on the door of the desperado who had been sentenced to be banished at a secret meeting of the Vigilance committee.

The men who received such a notice knew whence it came and that it meant, "Pack up and leave within 24 hours or swing on the second night." If he had the least glimmer of sense he also knew the warning was no bluff.

The Vigilantes held no public trials, but if sometimes a mistake was made and the victim appealed for a review of the facts through certain channels, he was certain of a second hearing. In such a case a midnight tribunal was held which reconsidered and sometimes reversed the sentence. More often it reaffirmed the banishment with a second placard, against which there was no appeal. If the warning was disregarded, the lawless one found himself the center of a very interesting and determined crowd on the second night and he did not live to see the next sunrise.

The Vigilantes constituted themselves judges, jury and executioners all in one, and their trials were certainly short. Whenever a highwayman or murderer was caught, the leader of the Vigilante band would say: "All in favor of hanging this man step to the right of the road; those who are for letting him go step to the left."—J. R. Johnston in Adventure Magazine.

Positive Identification

C. S. Collins, superintendent of the identification bureau of Scotland Yard, who has made nearly 500,000 finger prints of criminals and suspects, retired recently after 30 years' service in the London police department. From the finger prints on file in Mr. Collins' department some 280,000 identifications have been made, according to authorities, without a single mistake. "I would stake my life on the probability that there never will be finger prints alike, even if the world goes on indefinitely," Mr. Collins said recently, in speaking of his work. During the next generation, he asserted, finger prints would be much more generally used everywhere, not only in the identification of criminals, but as a matter of record in births, and numerous other directions.

Having Their Fling

It was last year in a strict boarding school, and my roommate and I had always been on our good behavior, writes a correspondent of the Chicago Tribune. We realized we had missed a lot of the fun the other girls had enjoyed, even though they had paid for it by being up before the faculty many times.

One night we decided we'd be daring and slip down, after midnight, to the rarely occupied guest room and sleep in the four-poster bed in there. The corridors were dark and the stairs creaked, but we tiptoed along until we had almost reached the guest room. Just then we heard the watchman coming down the corridor. We popped into the guest room and onto the bed.

A series of screams aroused every one. We had sat upon a visiting missionary from Africa.

A Surprise

Amateur theatrical stuff had been indulged in by certain members of the group out for a day's outing. One of these stunts included the placing of black wax on one or two of the front teeth, which left an appearance of toothlessness.

One young man, tiring of the wax, tried to remove it and found he could not. He asked a young woman of the party whether she knew how to get the wax off.

"Sure," she said, boldly. "That's easy." And forthwith she grasped the wax firmly between thumb and forefinger and pulled.

Imagine her amazement a moment later when she held in her hand the full upper set of false teeth belonging to the young man.—Indianapolis News.

Ominous

"I've been studying a good deal about resigning my office!" declared Constable Sam T. Slackputter, the guardian of the peace and dignity of Petunia. "It's getting too ominous."

"Too—what?" returned Mayor Numbers.

"Ominous—or dangerous, if you like that better. You know the new shooting gallery that opened up last week? Well, I've seen no less than eight women, all told, practicing shooting there. It may mean subterfuge, and it may not, but"—Kansas City Times.



FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Stationery for individuals. 200 sheets of paper and 100 envelopes to match with your name and address printed in blue ink, or monogram, on both paper and envelopes for \$2.00. Colors: white, pearl gray, royal blue, pink and yellow. It has individuality when it's printed. See samples at THE MERKEL MAIL OFFICE. 1t

FOR SALE—Good second-hand Standard windmill and tower, at a bargain. See W. L. Diltz, Jr., at the Farmers State Bank. 1t

FOR SALE—WOOD! WOOD! Lots of Wood, delivered or on ground at my farm. See R. B. Wells. 14t2p

FOR SALE—All livestock and real estate of the late W. T. Duncan. For particulars see Chester A. Duncan, Exer., Trent, Route No. two. 14t2p

FOR SALE—320 acres good plains land within about 15 miles of Friona and within 1 mile of station on main line of Sante Fe and good school. The improvements consist of fence, cross fence, good well and windmill, water only 65 feet deep. There are 200 acres in good state of cultivation, 40 acres of which have been summer tilled for wheat. Price \$27.50 per acre, \$3,500 cash, balance good terms. See us for cheap farm and ranch lands. M. A. CRUM, Friona, Texas. 1tp

FOR SALE—170 acres, 120 in farm, pretty well located, 100 acres cotton, 20 acres feed,

wagons, harness, teams and tools all go with land at \$55 per acre. 130 acres only 2 miles from Merkel school, 110 acres in farm. This is a good buy. One fourth cash and long time at \$55 per acre. HERE is a Bargain—200 acres, 124 in farm, in 500 yards of a town, gin, school and church a dandy location at \$40 per acre. E. D. COATS. 1t

FOR SALE—\$130.00 Scholarship in Tyler Commercial College at an attractive discount. We guarantee it. If you are planning to attend a commercial college we can save you money, and there is none better than Tyler Commercial College. Apply to Jack Durham at Merkel Mail office. 1t

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms, suitable for light house-keeping. Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt. 1t

FOR RENT—Rooms for light housekeeping. For particulars phone 24. 1t

WANTED

WANTED—To list your property. It costs you nothing to list it. I am leaving this week for a trip to South and East Texas to be away several weeks scattering literature about this country to prospects, and have employed Mr. G. M. Durham to take all listings during my absence at the Merkel Mail office. Drop in and list your property with him. T. L. GRIMES, Real Estate and Insurance. 1t

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—A key ring with several keys, among which is Dodge car key numbered 86. Finder please return to the Mail office. 1tp

LOST—Bomer for log chain be-

tween Geo. Boyce residence and my coal yard, about July 28th. Swafford, Phone 44. 1t

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Ollie Cogdill by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the nearest County where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Taylor County, Texas, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in the city of Abilene, on the 1st Monday in September A. D. 1925, the same being the 7th day of September A. D. 1925, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 3rd day of August A. D. 1925, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 5867, wherein Sam Cogdill is Plaintiff, and Ollie Cogdill is Defendant, and said petition alleging said suit being a suit for divorce on the grounds of three years abandonment, said petition alleging the marriage of plaintiff and defendant and abandonment on part of defendant and prays for decree of divorce.

Herein Fail Not but have before said Court, at its aforesaid regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene this the 4th day of August A. D. 1925.

J. K. FULLER, Clerk, District Court Taylor County. By Belle Wellborn, Deputy. 7t4



Help our Merchants to help YOU

EVERYBODY will agree that a man succeeds and prospers only when he spends LESS money than he receives in a given period of time.

Let's apply this great economic test to the situation in this town: Our business men have invested—and continue to invest—their money in stocks of goods brought here to your very door to meet your daily needs.

Through the pages of this paper they advise you of their ability to serve this community. All of us know that they deserve our patronage. And remember, the more you trade with them the more funds they can invest in larger stocks and new lines.

Read the Ads in this Paper and save yourself money by trading at home

WARREN NEWS
By Miss Rose Ellington

The farmers are almost up with their work and would like to see a good rain.

Health of the community is very good at present.

We are all glad to know that Buster McCoy who is at Abilene in the sanitarium, is doing nicely at last reports.

Miss Willie Ellington spent last week-end with home folks and friends.

Little Medford McCoy has been on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Shouse of Trent is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. C. T. McCormick.

Misses Vera Jones, Cordie Ellington spent the day with Misses Helen and Artie McCormick Sunday.

Misses Lois Jaynes, Nealie Hudson spent the day with Miss Vela Jones Sunday.

Those who called on Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ellington and family Sunday were Miss Willie Newman, Grandma Hobbs and Ella Hobbs, Mrs. May Peterson and family, Mr. Fred Kelso and wife and little daughter, Margaret; Miss Alice Hudson, Violet Jones, Neil Harvell and Mr. Hunt.

Misses Nora Foster and Mary Wilkens were visitors at Abilene Monday.

Mr. Joe Higgins spent Saturday night with his sister Mrs. L. V. McClain.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Kelso and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick and family.

Miss Artie McCormick spent Saturday night with Cordie Ellington.

Mrs. Homer Foster spent the afternoon Tuesday with Mrs. J. B. Foster.

Jasper and Hall Hobbs spent Sunday afternoon with Misses Lorene and Alma Stout.

Mr. and Mrs. Bass spent Tuesday with their daughter, Mrs. Arthur McCoy.

Grandma Hobbs and Mrs. May Peterson visited Mrs. Arthur McCoy Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Emmett Patterson and wife spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Flench, of Hodges.

Grandpa and grandma Harvell and little grand-daughter, Claudene, are visiting their daughter in McKinney. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Emory Petty of Clyde.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harvell spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Buford of Merkel.

BLAIR SAYINGS

Crops are looking very good in this community. Everybody looks cheered up since the rains.

Fishing is the topic of the day.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Sandefer announce the arrival of a baby at their home.

The Baptist meeting closed at Blair last Sunday. The Methodist meeting begins last of this week.

Mr. Rodney Moore from California is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Moore.

Mr. Tommie Patterson was the guest of Miss Flora Meeks Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Patterson of Sweetwater have been visiting relatives here the past week.

W. J. Dulin was in Mulberry bottom the other day and said fish were plentiful as he noticed lots of tracks on the banks and nests in the trees. He reports as he was coming out he met a big bunch coming in that had been off grazing.

Mr. Hurley Cogburn has been on a several days journey to South Texas in and around Nubia. He reports crops looking fine in that section of the state.

Well guess it is about dinner time so I had better close. See you in town Saturday.

Mr. R. A. Reagan was in the city one day this week and reports good rains and fine crops out his way.

Bragg Dry Goods Company

---is receiving daily a beautiful selection of the latest models in dresses and hats and it will be a pleasure to have you visit this store and ask to be shown the latest styles at such reasonable prices.

We are also receiving new silk and woolen dress goods you'll enjoy seeing. Come in, ask to see them, it is always a pleasure for us to show you.

Bragg Dry Goods Co.

THE PLACE MOST PEOPLE TRADE

SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF COLONEL A. F. HICKS

(Continued from first page) them to California where they were worth \$20.00 each. They bought these steers in Bell, Coryell and Lampasas counties and started from Howard, near where Temple now stands, with 5200 head of big beef steers, the largest herd of cattle that was ever driven up the "trail." They drove into the state of Kansas and wintered them, and in the spring he returned to Texas to buy more cattle, and his father-in-law sold the bunch there to the government to feed the Indians, and he returned to Texas.

Father liked Texas so well he decided to make it his home and bought an interest in a general merchandise business, but later his health failed and he sold out and bought a farm near Howard. He cut prairie hay on the ground where the towns of Temple and Troy now stand. In 1878 he moved 20 miles west of Belton and again entered the stock business. On September 17, 1890, he moved to Marble Falls and made that his home until God called him to come up higher where he had prepared an "Eternal Home" for him.

In the early 90's he became an American citizen and held many offices of trust. His first grandchild, Robert Hicks, was born on the day his grandparents were married 25 years, and my mother died the day my father was 60 years of age.

He was confirmed into the Episcopal Church when he was young. In the early 80's, while attending a camp meeting near Moffet in Bell County, conducted by Major W. E. Penn, he realized that he had never been converted and gave his heart and life to God. He later joined the Methodist church and lived a devoted Christian until his death. He gave the lots upon which the new Methodist church of Marble Falls was built, which stands as a monument to him. In his declining years, when health failed, he read God's Holy Word and relied on its promises to sustain him. He had been a Mason nearly 50 years, and was Past Master of Belton Lodge No. 166, Mt. Hiram No. 595 and Blazing Star No. 417. He was Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of Texas and was made a life member of same.

Being a close student of Masonic History, he had traced the beginning of Masonry to the Garden of Eden, when God walked and talked with Adam. All his proof he obtained by reading his Bible, and could give you chapter and verse to prove his statements. Like Paul he could say "I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing." II Timothy 4:7.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Chaney returned first of the week from an extended visit with friends and relatives at Moran, Texas. On their return they were accompanied by Mrs. W. W. Morris and Mrs. John Gardner, of Moran, who will spend some time in the Chaney home. Also, Mrs. T. A. Starnes, of Harlingen, a sister of Mrs. Chaney, is here for a visit with the latter.

We buy your Cream and Eggs; we are always on the top. So when you come to town make this your place to stop. We pay you 25c for eggs and 35c for Cream, so buy your groceries where you can always get them fresh and clean.—at McDonald & Collum. 1t

Herbert Williamson and Miss Margaret Callen of Menard spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. R. L. Adcock. They returned Monday taking with them Mrs. R. L. Adcock and girls, Frances and Bernelle, for a two weeks visit at Menard.

Bridal Shower for Mrs. Hass

On Thursday afternoon of last week Misses Gladys Milliken and Mildred Smith entertained with a shower honoring Mrs. Virgil Hass, a recent bride. The shower was kept a secret and came as a complete surprise to the honoree who received many beautiful and useful gifts. A unique contest was used for entertainment, the bride winning the prize which it was thought would prove very useful, the gift being a cook book.

Miss Mona Margaret Jones delighted the guests with a beautiful solo. Ruby Fae Golliday gave a reading. The shower was given at the home of Miss Milliken and was a very pleasant one for both the bride and guests.

Mr. A. A. McCrary, of Arlington, Texas, was here last week the guest of his daughter, Mrs. L. B. Scott and son, Mr. Edward McCrary.

Mrs. Gamble Entertains With Theatre Party

On Thursday evening of last week Mrs. S. D. Gamble entertained with a theatre party honoring her niece, Miss Sue Craven, of Paducah. The guests arrived about seven-thirty and were served delicious refreshments. Dainty place cards marked the place for each guest. After being thus entertained in the Gamble home, the guests together with the honoree enjoyed the picture, "Flowing Gold" at the Cozy Theatre. Those attending this party were: Misses Beong Sears, Johnnie Sears, Melba West, Mildred Matthews, Lolla Dennis, Mona Margaret Jones, Flora Frances Anderson, Mildred Hamm and Sue Craven.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Tucker, of Fullbright, Texas, are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter and other relatives. Mrs. Tucker is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter.

Misses Sears Entertain

On last Tuesday evening Misses Boog and Johnnie Sears entertained with a "Kid Party" at the home of Miss Boog Sears. The boys and girls came dressed in knee trousers and blouses and the girls came dressed in short full skirts with fluffy sashes and hair bows. Childrens games were played on the porch and lawn. Vocal solos by Jack West and piano solos by Althea Boden completed the evening's entertainment. Refreshments of ice cream cones and red stick candy were served. Favors for the evening were toy balloons bearing the inscription, "Sears Cousins, Aug. 11, '25"

Miss Madge Yoakum, of Cooper, Texas, has been selected as director of music at the Merkel High school the coming term. She comes most highly recommended as an able and competent instructor.

Busy Bee Class Meeting

The Busy Bee Class of the Methodist church met in a business session at the home of Erma Lee Rea last Monday evening. At 8:30 the class president, Opal Patterson, opened the meeting with the devotional, after which the following officers were elected: President, Ermalee Rea; Class Secretary, Juanita Beene; Recording Secretary, Anna Lou Russell; Treasurer, Gladys Milliken; Reporter, Mary Hutcheson. Floyd Hutcheson, Jr. was elected mascot. The meeting was adjourned to meet Sept-14, 1925.

Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served by the hostess to Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson, Lillian Rider, Eva Smith, Opal Patterson, Mrs. Floyd Hutcheson, Anna Lou Russell, Sally Brown, Mary Hutcheson, Gladys Milliken, Hazel Lee Rainbolt and Floyd Hutcheson, Jr.

Class Reporter.

A CONFIDENTIAL TALK

It is being whispered about town town that "after all, Goods is Goods so why not buy the cheapest." This certainly is an untrue statement and we want to frankly state that it is not true. When you can buy for cash, Paymaster Overalls, McDonald Shirts, Amoskeag Gingham and Beaver Hats at the same price as "the cheap kind" then why not come here and pay the cash.

The Brown Dry Goods Co. will always give you a square deal and then stand behind their goods. There is always some satisfaction in knowing that you are getting a standard brand.